

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

SALES AT THE NEW YORK EXCHANGE—Dec. 29.

W. S. & Co. 100 Reg.	Hud. Riv. 2d. M. N. Y. Central.	
10,000...114	9,000...110	200...130 114
W. S. & Co. 100 Con.	Mic. Cr. & L. N. L.	100...114
6,000...116	5,000...122	100...114
6,000...116	M. So. & F. Bdg.	100...114
W. S. & Co. 100 Reg.	Hud. Riv. 2d. M. N. Y. Central.	100...114
25,000...104	Tol. & W. I. M. E.	1300...86
1,000...108	3,000...104	500...86
1,000...108	Mariposa M. Co.	100...86
50,000...108	5,000...90	100...86
U. S. & Co. 74 Con.	Fourth Na. Brk.	300...130 86
10,000...112	25...12	100...115 17
W. S. & Co. 10-10 C.	Hudson River.	100...115 17
25,000...104	62...21	100...110 116
100...104	Ashburton Coal.	150...86
Tr. Notes 7-12-10	100...19	Sixty-eighth R. R.
U. S. & Co. 100 Penn. Coal.	5...1	
U. S. & Co. 11 Y. Cor.	100...19	Reading.
7,000...96	Cum. Coal. Prf.	300...114
Virginia St. 68.	300...47	Mich. So. & No. I.
5,000...50	100...47	300...71
M. & P. R. R. 68.	100...53	47...600
3,000...67	Quicksilver Min. Cleve. & Pitts.	71...71
Conn. State. 68.	100...97	400...110 96
Ohio St. 68. 102	97...500	100...96
10,000...102	Mariposa M. Co.	300...100
Ohio & Miss. 68.	300...53	Chi. & N. West.
2,000...34	200...500	500...86
5,000...33	600...300	300...71
15,000...33	100...300	21...300
Erie 5th Mortg.	100...21	500...71
5,000...103	100...130 22	Chic. & R. I.
C. & P. M. H. M.	500...19	700...106
500...80	Pit. Ft. W. C. Co.	100...105
1,000...41	100...163	500...105
1,000...41	400...104	Del. Lack. & W.
1,000...41	1,000...104	100...105
SECOND BOARD.		
Conn. Co.	Reading.	
5,000...116	100...33	200...114
U. S. & Co. 5-20 C.	36 Mich. Can.	
25,000...108	Cum. Coal. Prf.	100...116
5,000...218	100...47	100...116
U. S. & Co. 10-10 C.	Mariposa M. Co.	100...71
35,000...103	300...47	300...71
Tr. Notes 7-10-10	300...47	Cleve. & Pitts.
10,000...104 & 102	100...500	900...96
U. S. & Co. 1 year.	300...21	90...96
5,000...96	200...300	200...71
American Gold.	100...60	22...100
5,000...220	Erie.	100...420
Pitt. F. W. & C. Co.	350...86	800...105
200...430	100...130	Hudson River.
300...430	200...114	Chic. & Alton.
300...430	100...114	100...100
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28.—Y. M.		
Gold opened at 2162, and was steady at that rate until noon, when, under reports of disaster to Gen. Butler, it was pushed up by specie buyers to 2243. From this point the market broke to 2182, and closed at 2142.		
Government stocks are firm, with a large business in 10-40s at 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 101 $\frac{1}{4}$. The 5-20s sold at 1081. The chief demand was from houses dealing in Government, who are confident that upon the re-assembling of Congress financial measures will be proposed giving new value to all Federal securities. In railroad bonds and bank shares little doing. The most active stock of the day was Mariposa, which broke from 30 to 16, with a large business. The cause assigned for so serious a fall was adverse news from the mine. The 1st mortgage bonds fell 6 per cent, and the 2d fell to 96. Coal stocks were steady. Quicksilver Mining Co. rose to 97 2/3. Erie was firm, and in demand. The Western roads were firm, and are preferred by speculators generally to New-York roads. After the adjournment of the Stock Board lower prices were made, and the dullness continued up to the meeting of the Second Board. At the close, stocks were dull. Erie 854, after selling at 87 $\frac{1}{2}$. Old Southern fell 1. Mariposa rallied to 214.		
COFFEE—The market has been light for Domestic, and the market is heavy and prices irregular; the arrivals have been larger than usual, and we reduce our quotations from yard at \$2 00 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$2 10; foreign countries steady and much wanted, at higher prices.		
COFFEE—The market for both kinds is quiet and prices are nominal.		
COTTON—With the advance of gold during the middle of the day prices advanced steadily, and toward the close of the market again sank and closed at about 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Middle. Considerable doubt still exists as to the likelihood of there being as many bales at Savannah as reported, but as latest advices still put the amount at 26,000 it is possible these figures are not far from the truth.		
COFFEE—Currency prices are very unsettled and entirely nominal, but for gold rates holders are extremely delivery and generally prefer selling at a specific price; we note sales of 500 bags prime K. of the gold in bond, and 200 bags Mariposa at 200; gold, cash daily paid, with the exception of Java and into the stock of all kinds.		
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GOAT.—The market is unsettled and quiet; last sales of Western thin in bags at \$75 to \$77 50 cash; City is nominal; we notice considerable shipments from foreign lands.		
PROVISIONS—The market is limited, and the market is unsettled.		
PROVISIONS—There has been a very fair demand for Pork to-day, but the market is without material change closing however a little stronger; for future delivery prices are easier; we hear of sales of 200 hams Old Mess, buyer until the 10th of January, at \$40; 250 hams do., buyer first half of February, at \$42; 250 hams do., buyers all February at \$43; 250 hams do., buyers all February, at \$44; 250 hams do., buyers March at \$45; 250 hams do., buyers April at \$46; 250 hams do., regular way, are \$40 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$45 50 for Mess (dead), closing at \$40 35; 250 hams do., regular way, are \$40 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$45 50 for Prime Mess. Beef is moderately active and steady; sales of 300 hams at \$20 22 for Prime and No. 2, and \$20 22 for No. 1, White and Pale; T. is dull and lower; small sales at \$4 00 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$4 25 for Domestic, and \$10 for Foreign; Pitch, \$1 00 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$1 25.		
OIL.—Lard Oil has been in good demand, and prices improved, closing firm at \$1 45 to \$1 50 for City. Fish Oils have ruled extremely quiet, and prices are easier; Sales of Crude Whale at \$1 47 to \$1 50, and Crude Sperm at \$2 10 to \$2 15. Lard Oil is in reduced stock, and as the receipts seem an advance has been established, closing firmer at \$2 15 to \$2 20. Red Oil is scarce and wanted at full price.		
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